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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3151

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REPORTED SOVIET APPROACH TO SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR IN
MOSCOW

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR UOMOTO INFORMED ME JULY 22 THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GOH HAD GIVEN HIM FOLLOWING BRIEF ACCOUNT OF DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW BETWEEN SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR TO USSR AND SENIOR SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL. GOH REPORTEDLY SAID SOVIET OFFICIAL HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT REDUCED US INVOLVEMENT IN SEA COULD LEAD TO EXPANDED PRC INFLUENCE AND ULTIMATE DOMINATION OF THE REGION. AS GOH TOLD IT, SOVIET OFFICIAL IMPLIED USSR ANXIOUS THAT SUFFICIENT US PRESENCE IN SEA BE RETAINED TO PREVENT PRC HEGEMONY.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG, I ASKED WHETHER USSR HAD APPROACHED GOS SINCE FALL OF SAIGON CONCERNING FUTURE OF SEA. TAN SAID THAT ONLY APPROACH
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WAS A LOW LEVEL PITCH AIMED AT PROMOTING SOVIET ASIAN COL-

LECTIVE SECURITY PLAN.

3. SUGGEST EMBASSY MOSCOW SOUND OUT SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR RE
POSSIBLE RECENT SOVIET APPROACHES EITHER TO PROMOTE ASIAN
COLLECTIVE SECURITY PLAN OR TO WARN AGAINST PRC INFLUENCE IN
SEA. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THIS THIRD HAND ACCOUNT
OF WHAT SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID IS ACCURATE. GRANT

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